

PROVINCETOWN SCHOOLS - IB World School since 2013

Provincetown Schools Committee Meeting 7/11/17

PRESENT:

Members Present: Tony Brackett, Cass Benson, Tracy Kachtick-Anders, Ngina Lythcott

Members Absent: Liz Lovati

Administration: Beth Singer, Kim Pike

Minutes: K. Pike

AGENDA

1. Call to Order 9:33 AM

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comments None

4. Minutes

June 13, 2017 Motion to accept minutes: Cass Benson; Second: Tracy Kachtick
Vida

VOTE: 4-0-0

5. Superintendent's Comments:

- **Fishermen Hall** - Megan Amorese - new theater manager. GREECE and CHICAGO have begun - reviews are very positive. Suggestion to get an email blast out to families and staff (Kim will take care of this). Sandwich board on Winslow will help bring groups up. Two groups scheduled thus far for October.
- **Sprucing Up** - Cleaning/Painting happening inside and outside. New tree donated by Barbara Rushmore (conversation about positioning - talk to Todd). The stone outside of PS building has been carved and repositioned - Provincetown Schools and Fishermen Hall.
- **3 Year Contract Agreements** - Completed. Signed MOA. Mid year cycle review for SPED audit in the fall.
- **Final Appropriated Budget Balance** - School will send back \$8,317.
- **Demonstration - Z-Space** - Postpone until next school committee meeting. Investment plus \$10K lease over 3 years - Choice \$ most likely

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Day Shift Custodian Job Description

Motion to approve job description: Tracy Kachtick Vida; Second: Ngina Lythcott

VOTE: 4-0-0

6.2 Retreat Confirmation

September 27, 2017 from 9 am to 2 pm

Dr. Singer's home

Topics: Google document out - Tony will create

Review Goals - fine tune for this year

Town goals

6.3 August Meeting?

No August meeting unless something pops up.

Next Meeting - September 12th at 4:30

We will aim for a presentation on Z-Space at that time.

7. New Business

7.1 Testing Report

Request for information on MCAS results/embargoed until October 24th

7.2 BOS Annual Goals - Discussion

8. PSC Comments

Tracy Kachtick Anders - No comments

Cass Benson - Thrilled to be on the same page as the Board of Selectmen.

Ngina Lythcott - Looking forward to discussion at retreat.

Tony Brackett - Shared letter from the CCRTA

Priority should be for an athletic bus for SPORTS from Nauset.

Motion to pursue an Athletic bus for Nauset students: Tracy Kachtick Anders; Second:
Ngina Lythcott

VOTE: 4-0-0

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Tony Brackett at 11:16 am

Provincetown School Committee
Thursday, August 31, 2017
3:30PM
Silva Learning Center at Provincetown High School building

Start time 3:33pm

Members present: Tony Brackett, Liz Lovati, Cass Benson
Member excuses: Ngina Lythgott, Tracy Kachtick-Anders

Staff: Dr. Beth Singer

Public Comments – No Public Comments

The purpose of this meeting was to provide information about a residential placement for a Provincetown student.

Discussions ensued about the process in finding the most appropriate school for this particular student.

A number of schools were suggested to the parent by the superintendent. The parent researched the schools, visiting some of them, and applied to four. The student was accepted to three schools. The school selected offers the best program for this student. Parent agrees to the appropriate placement found. This school has a very structured program with high ratio staff/students. The setting is community-based enabling students to learn how to live appropriately within a community.

The state of Massachusetts sets the rates of tuition based on services provided and actual costs for the student. The State approves of each school's program.

The town is responsible for the first \$40,000. The balance will be partly reimbursable via a program called "Circuit Breaker" at the rate of approximately 35%-70%, depending on the rate set by the state. Reimbursed funds will not be made available to the town until the year following this school year.

The next step is to present the cost to the town and start work on determining a funding plan. It is estimated that the cost for one school year to be in excess of \$270,000.00, not including fees associated with the student's IEP (Individualized Education Program) and travel reimbursement for parental visits. This student will enroll immediately.

No motions were made.
No votes were taken.

Motion to adjourn by Liz Lovati, 2nd by Cass Benson. 3-0
Meeting ended 3:55pm